


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** September 16, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 9/19/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FAR Public Workshop, 9:00 a.m., War Memorial Hall</li><li>• Human Services Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., Newton City Hall Cafeteria</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 9/20/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 9/21/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning and Development Conference Room (basement level)</li><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Sr. Center, Walnut Street, Newtonville</li><li>• Boston College Neighborhood Council, 6:30 p.m., Room 222</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 9/22/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning Reform Group, 5:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Traffic Council, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li></ul>
<b>Friday 9/23/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Service Provider's Network meeting, 8:30 a.m., Community Room, John W. Weeks House, 7 Hereward Road, Newton Centre</li></ul>

- **FAR Public Workshop:** The Planning Department will be hosting a public workshop at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the War Memorial Hall to answer questions about the coming changes to the measurement and regulation of Floor Area Ratio for residential zones. **For more information visit our website at [www.newtonma.gov/Planning/FAR.php](http://www.newtonma.gov/Planning/FAR.php) . Contact Jennifer Molinsky at 617.796.1131 or [jmolinsky@newtonma.gov](mailto:jmolinsky@newtonma.gov).**
- **Human Service Advisory Committee:** The Committee's September meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Newton City Hall Cafeteria. Agenda items include a review of FY11 grant expenditures and FY12 contracts for human service programs and Emergency Shelter Grant programs. Other items include a status report on the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program and a review of the report on HPRP by the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132 or [lhaynes@newtonma.gov](mailto:lhaynes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m., in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **31 Selwyn Road**, request to demolish house; **8 Hay Road**, request to remove roof and add second story; **34 Hyde Avenue**, request to demolish house; **20 Gammons Road**, request to demolish house; **303 Nahanton Street (Angino Farm)**, request to renovate interior and add porch; **87 Waban Park**, request for waiver of delay for removal of rear ell and new addition; Administrative items to approve meeting minutes and discuss design guidelines. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room (basement level). Agenda items are as follows: Signage reviews at **624 Washington Street, 187 North Street, 335 Walnut Street, 138 Needham Street, 749 Beacon Street, 3-21 Lincoln Street, 60-64 Needham Street, 80 Langley Road, 870 Walnut Street, 701 Washington Street, 1199 Centre Street, 447 Centre Street, 325 Washington Street, 1149 Walnut Street, 213 Summer Street, 769 Beacon Street**; Review of fence appeals at **177 Dorset Road and 55 Myrtle Street**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov).**

- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville) will discuss an initial report from the **City Historic Buildings Survey** (Public Buildings Dept.), with recommendations for the next phase of work, and the current status & schedule for the **Albemarle Community Commons** (Parks & Recreation Dept.) and **Newton History Museum / Jackson Homestead** projects & proposals.



**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Newton CPA!** Newton adopted the CPA in November 2001.

Among other anniversary activities, the CPC is planning a series of neighborhood "CPA birthday parties," to answer residents' questions about the program and hear their thoughts about both past projects & how future funds should be used.

Watch this report and [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) for details, but the tentative schedule is:

November 2011 for **Newton Corner, Nonantum, & Newtonville** (Wards 1 & 2); January 2012 for **West Newton, Auburndale, & Newton Lower Falls** (Wards 3 & 4); March 2012 for **Waban, Newton Upper Falls, & Newton Highlands** (Ward 5); May 2012 for **Newton Centre, Thompsonville, & Chestnut Hill** (Wards 6 & 7); September 2012 for the **South Side, including Oak Hill & Oak Hill Park** (Ward 8).

For more information **contact Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager, 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**

- **Boston College Neighborhood Council:** The Council will meet on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 222. The following items will be discussed : Update on Stokes Hall; Pedestrian signal at Beacon Street; Neighborhood parking including Hammond Triangle; Relocation of Boston College T Stop; Off-campus student outreach efforts – New Dean; Reconstruction of Commonwealth Avenue; Bicycle Lanes on Beacon Street. **Contact Candace Havens at 617.796.1137 or [chavens@newtonma.gov](mailto:chavens@newtonma.gov).**
- **Traffic Council:** The Council will meet on **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., in Room 222. The following items are scheduled to be discussed: Alderman Swiston on behalf of Joshua Klevens, requesting speed calming measures on **Otis Street between Chestnut and Forest Streets**; Aldermen Johnson, Albright and Linsky, requesting the removal of the "No Right Turn on Red" sign at the intersection of **Crafts and Watertown Streets**; Richard Pascarelli, requesting establishment of a loading zone in the vicinity of **432 Newtonville Avenue**; Teresa Rice and Joyce McCarthy, requesting parking restrictions on **Gardner Street**; Joyce McCarthy, requesting a handicap parking space in front of 22 **Gardner Street**; Planning Department, requesting changes to the parking restrictions on **Centre Street between Church Street and Centre Avenue**, to include new parking meters; Planning Department requesting creation of a permit program for the Parks & Recreation Department to accommodate their relocation to Newton Corner. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The following items will be heard: **7 Great Meadow Road** NOI-proposed addition and deck in flood zone with compensatory flood storage; **32 Williams** Revocation of OOC; CR for **15 Bracebridge Road**; **Violations: 73 Beaconwood Road, 320-322 Needham Street, 75-85-95 Wells Avenue, 193 Oak Street Village Condos; Certificates of Compliance: Marla Circle; 3 Fuller Avenue, Charles River dock expansion-Charles River Canoe & Kayak, 36 Hyde Avenue, 166 Pond Brook Road, Riverside MBTA Station, 883 Dedham Street; Discussion/Reports: Hammond Pond improvements, 31 Selwyn Street OOC, Lot 5 Kessler Woods OOC.** For the complete agenda please go to <http://www.ci.newton.ma/cityplcc.htm> or **Contact Anne Phelps at 617.796.1134 or [aphelps@newtonma.gov](mailto:aphelps@newtonma.gov).**
- **The Zoning Reform Group** will hold a working meeting at 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in Room 222. The Group will be meeting to discuss the draft final report and recommendations for the process of zoning reform. **Contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or [szeren@newtonma.gov](mailto:szeren@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Service Providers Network** will meet at 8:30 a.m., **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in the Community Room of the John W. Weeks House, 7 Hereward Road, Newton Centre. The topic for discussion will be **"Helping Clients Obtain Affordable Housing: Basic Strategies and Resources."** The main presenter will be Kate Jordan, Coordinator of the Housing consumer Education Center at the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership. The meeting is open to the public. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132 [lhaynes@newtonma.gov](mailto:lhaynes@newtonma.gov).**